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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS : WILLIAM F. MAIER

SERIAL NO. : 09/254,525

FILED : March 8, 1999

FOR : USE OF MICROPOROUS INORGANIC MEMBRANE
CATALYSTS

ART UNIT : 1754

EXAMINER : S. Hendrickson

August 12, 2002

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PETITION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.181(a)
TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT**

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The above-identified application is apparently held abandoned for failure to respond to the Final Rejection. The holding is in error as the Final Rejection was never received by Applicants. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Commissioner exercise his authority and withdraw the holding of abandonment, remail the Final Rejection, and reset the period for response to restart with the remail date.

No fee is believed to be due for consideration of this petition. However, should the Commissioner determine that a fee is, in fact, due, he is hereby authorized to charge the fee deemed to be due to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

According to *Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP)* § 711.03(c)(II):

“The showing required to establish nonreceipt of an Office communication must include a statement from the practitioner stating that the Office communication was not received by the practitioner and attesting to the fact that a search of the file jacket and docket records indicates that the Office communication was not received. A copy of the docket record where the nonreceived Office communication would have been entered had it been received and docketed must be attached to and referenced in practitioner’s statement.”

In compliance with MPEP § 711.03(c)(II), the undersigned hereby confirms that:

- 1) The Final Rejection was not received in the offices of the undersigned; and
- 2) A search of the file jacket and docket records indicates that the Final Rejection was not received in the offices of the undersigned.

In support of the foregoing, there is attached as Exhibit 1 a copy of the docket card for our docket number Studien 262-KGB, which corresponds to the above-identified application. If the Final Rejection had been received in the offices of the undersigned, it would have been noted on the docket card. It should be clear from Exhibit 1 that the Final Rejection was not received in the offices of the undersigned.

According to the available information, the application was held abandoned for failure to respond to the Final Rejection dated August 10, 2001. Normally, such Final Rejection Office Actions would have recited a shortened statutory period for response of three months, which means that a response to the Final Rejection would have been due on November 10, 2001. Attached as Exhibit 2 is a copy of the docket report for that date. It should be clear that it does not show anything due for our docket number Studien 262-KGB, and, therefore, again, this proves that the Final Rejection was not received in the offices of the undersigned.

It may be that the Patent Office records have not been updated to include the current address of the undersigned, which is:

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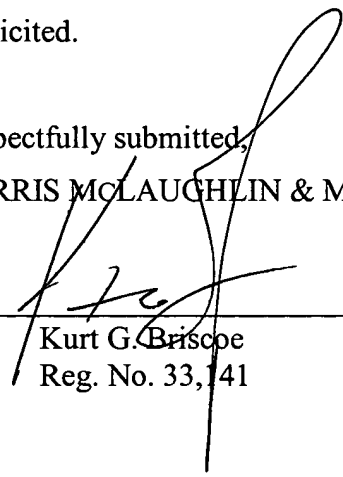
In case the Patent Office records have not been updated to include the current address of the undersigned, Applicants respectfully request that the Patent Office records be updated now.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that they have established that the Final Rejection was not received in the offices of the undersigned, and, therefore, never received by Applicants. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Commissioner exercise his authority and withdraw the holding of abandonment, remail

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Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

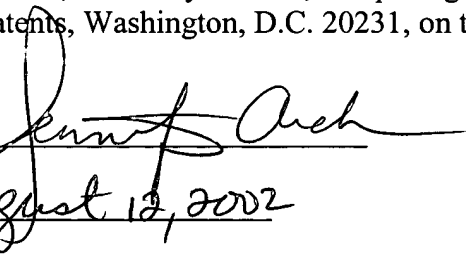
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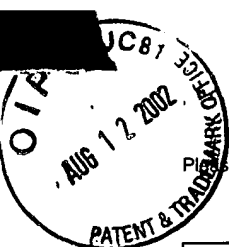
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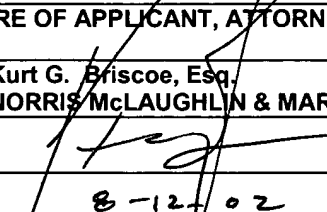
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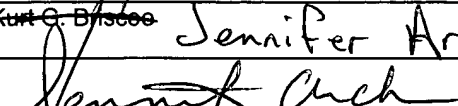
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